# EXHIBIT E

## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

THOMAS A. EAMES, ROBERTA L. EAMES and TAMMY EAMES, on behalf of themselves and all others . similary situated, Plaintiffs. Civil Action No. 04-CV-1324KAJ ν. NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY. Defendant.

Deposition of Glenn Deaton Agency, Inc. taken pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(b)(6) through its designee GLENN W. DEATON at the law offices of Murphy, Spadaro & Landon, 1011 Centre Road, Suite 210, Wilmington, Delaware, beginning at 10:40 a.m., on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, before Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public.

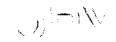
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4	For the Witness
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6	GLENN W. DEATON,
7	the deponent herein, having first been
8	duly sworn on oath, was examined and
9	testified as follows:
10	EXAMINATION
11	BY MR. SPADARO:
12	Q. Sir, would you state your name for the record,
13	please?
14	A. Glenn W. Deaton.
15	Q. Can you tell me your home address, please?
16	A. 128 Sweet Gum Drive, Dover, Delaware, 19904.
17	Q. Have you given sworn testimony under oath at a
18	deposition proceeding before?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And you understand that I will be asking you
21	questions at the deposition and that you will be
22	expected to answer them completely and truthfully
23	under oath?
24	A. Yes, I do.



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- A. Yes, I will.
- Q. And if you need to take a break, let me know that. I'm going to try to move quickly enough so that we don't need any breaks during your testimony, but that doesn't mean you're not entitled to take one if you want to. Okay?
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- Q. Are you represented by any attorney at this deposition?
- 14 A. I am.
- 15 Q. Is Mr. Leoni representing you today?
- 16 A. Yes, he is.
  - Q. And are you a representative of the Glenn
    Deaton Agency Incorporated?
- 19 A. I am.
- 20 Q. What is the Glenn Deaton Agency Incorporated?
- A. I'm an independent contractor, agent, principal for Nationwide Insurance Company.
- MR. SPADARO: Could you read that back,
- 24 Kurt?



1	(The reporter read back the last answer.)	
. 2	BY MR. SPADARO:	
3	Q. Do I understand from your answer that you're	
4	indicating that in the business in which you operate	
5	Nationwide acts as a principal and you act as	
6	Nationwide's agent?	
7	A. The term principal I use to describe myself as	}
8	an agency, I'm the agency principal.	
9	Q. The principal of the business?	
10	A. Correct.	
11	Q. Maybe I should ask. What is your relationship	>
12	to the Glenn Deaton Agency Incorporated?	
13	A. I'm the president of the corporation and the	
14	primary agent-producer.	
15	Q. And what do you mean by "agent-producer"?	
16	A. I am responsible for the sale of the products	
17	in the office and also have other licensed staff, but	:
18	I am the primary producer of sales, salesperson, if	
19	you will.	
20	Q. What does if I refer to the Glenn Deaton	
21	Agency Incorporated as Deaton or the Deaton Agency,	
22	will you know what I mean?	
23	A. Yes.	
24	Q. What, if anything, does the Deaton Agency sell	. ?



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- life and health, financial service products, including automobile, homeowner, commercial property liability, worker's compensation, life insurance and some mutual funds and variable products as well. Q. The products that you listed are all insurance
- products, are they not?
  - Α. Correct.
- And does the Deaton Agency sell Nationwide 0. Insurance products to consumers?
  - Α. Yes.
- And ask the Deaton Agency sell exclusively Nationwide Insurance products to Delaware consumers?
- Α. I am a captive, exclusive agent of Nationwide. I do have opportunities to sell products outside of that arrangement, but primarily Nationwide products.
- Are you able to estimate roughly the percentage of Nationwide Insurance products that you sell compared to the insurance products of other insurance companies?
- Α. Nationwide sales represents I would say 90 to 95 percent of our overall sales.
- What do you mean when you are referring to the Deaton Agency as captive?

A. I have a contract to sell Nationwide's product
exclusively. I'm required to sell Nationwide's
products. I'm not allowed to broker or go outside of
that agreement for market. In other words, if
Nationwide offers that product for sale, I'm going to
sell their product.

If I have occasion to sell a product that Nationwide is not interested in that market, I'm allowed to place that through another carrier.

- Q. So you're allowed to sell other insurance companies' products so long as they don't compete in this market with products that Nationwide is selling?
  - A. Correct.

- Q. I hope you understand what I meant. When I said, "this market," I meant Delaware. And I think you understood my question that way?
  - A. Correct. That's the only state that I am licensed to transact.
    - Q. And you do hold a professional license?
  - A. Yes, I do.
  - Q. Could you identify it for me?
- A. I have a license through the Delaware Insurance Commissioner's office, an agency's license to sell all of the products that I mentioned, property, casualty,

life, health, bonding and variable annuities as well
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- Q. You understand, do you not, that you've been designated by the Deaton Agency to testify on its behalf at this deposition?
  - A. Yes.

- Q. Do you freely accept that designation?
- A. Yes, I do.

MR. SPADARO: Let me ask the court reporter to mark as Exhibit 1 to your deposition a set of documents that purports to be a copy of a letter signed on my behalf by another attorney in my firm, Mr. Brockstedt, dated March 24, 2005 and addressed for hand delivery to the Glenn Deaton Agency Incorporated, attached to which is a copy of the subpoena that we served on the Glenn Deaton Agency in this case.

(Deaton Deposition Exhibit No. 1 was marked for identification.)

#### 18 BY MR. SPADARO:

- Q. Have you had an opportunity to examine the document that's been marked as Deaton Exhibit 1?
  - A. Yes, I have.
- Q. Have you seen this document before, Mr. Deaton?
- 23 A. Yes.
  - Q. Does it appear to be what I have described?



1	A. Yes, it does.
2	Q. If you turn to the fourth page of the document,
3	do you see there an appendix that purports to set
4	forth a description of the documents being subpoenaed
5	and the topics for your testimony today?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. And on the next page do you see the heading
8	Matters for Examination?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. And you understand that under that heading is
11	set forth the three subject areas which I'll be asking
12	questions about today?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. And have you had a chance to review those
15	subject areas before today's deposition?
16	A. I have.
17	Q. Are you prepared to answer questions relating
18	to those three subject areas?
19	A. I am.
20	Q. Thank you.
21	How many employees does the Deaton Agency

How many employees does the Deaton Agency have, sir?

A. Including myself, five.

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Q. Let me ask you a little bit more about your



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Does the Deaton Agency lease equipment from Nationwide?

- A. Could you be more specific about equipment?
- Q. Well, is there office equipment that you use in your business operations like computers, telephones and that sort of thing?
- A. All of the office equipment belongs to my business. It's not property of Nationwide Insurance, desks, chairs, filing cabinets.

years was the property of Nationwide Insurance and we were required by contract to lease their hardware and use their software. A few years ago they decided to get out of the hardware business. And basically the agents now own the hardware, but we are under contract to use their software and their pipeline, if you will, the company intranet and the software and all the products of running the software and the computer is provided by Nationwide, but the computer is owned by the agency.

Q. When you say that the software is owned by Nationwide, does that include what might be called



document management software?

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- Q. Do you send and receive e-mails at the Deaton Agency?
  - A. Yes, we do.
- Q. If I understand correctly, is it correct to say that your e-mails are sent and received on
- 8 Nationwide's file server?
  - A. That's correct.
  - Q. How is the Deaton Agency compensated for its role in selling Nationwide Insurance products in Delaware?
    - A. We're compensated strictly through commissions on products that we sell. We have no other source of income other than commission based on the sales.
    - Q. When a premium is obtained from a consumer in connection with the sale of a Nationwide Insurance product through the Deaton Agency, do you begin by transferring the premium to Nationwide?
    - A. Yes. Any premium received by our office is in a fiduciary capacity, is placed in a fiduciary account, a premium-bearing account only and is remitted to Nationwide. And I receive my commission after they have processed their transactions on a

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- Q. So Nationwide collects premiums and then pays to you commissions based on how much premium was collected?
  - A. Right.
- Q. How are employees' salaries paid? Are they paid directly by the Deaton Agency?
- A. Yes. The employees are employees of myself and are paid directly by me.
- Q. How long have you been the president of the Deaton Agency?
- A. I started with Nationwide in the fall of 1989. Fifteen, sixteen years.
- Q. Now, Mr. Deaton, we're going to be referring to a particular type of coverage within the automobile insurance product known as personal injury protection.

Are you familiar with that term?

- 18 A. I am.
  - Q. And if I call it personal injury protection, you'll know what I mean?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. If I call it PIP, you will know what I mean?
- 23 A. Yes.
  - Q. I may make reference to limits of liability for



1	PIP coverage. If I do that, will you know what I
2	mean?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And
5	MR. LEONI: John, I'm just going to ask
6	that you make sure that if he doesn't understand it in
7	the context that you're asking that you explain that
8	because we have to make sure he understands it in the
9	context that you're using it.
10	MR. SPADARO: Sure.
11	BY MR. SPADARO:
12	Q. We have agreed if you have any questions about
13	my questions you will ask me, right?
14	A. Certainly.
15	Q. I'm not trying to give you an insurance 101
16	quiz. But just for the record can you give me your
17	understanding of what limits of liability means as an
18	insurance term?
19	A. Sure. Limits of liability would be the amount
20	provided by the contract, a maximum amount based on a
21	per person limit or a per occurrence limit, but limit
22	of liability would be the maximum amount payable by
23	the company for a claim a covered alaim



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- Q. So it's expressed in numbers, is expressed in dollars?
  - A. It's expressed in dollars, yes.
  - Q. Are you able to give me a step-by-step description -- I could break it down if you want me to, but maybe it's faster not to. It's your preference.

If I ask you to give me a step-by-step description of the process by which an ordinary Delaware consumer in your neighborhood comes in and purchases a Nationwide auto policy, could you do that for me?

- A. Yes, I could.
- Q. Okay. Would you, please?
- A. Sure. Once a quote is given -- generally, the process starts by an individual requesting a quote for what the coverage would be.

We would --

- Q. I'm sorry. I don't mean to interject. Along the way I may ask you to clarify a term here or there.
  - A. Sure.
- Q. By "quote" you're referring to the consumers
  asking how much will it cost me to buy auto insurance?

A. They would like a price quotation for the cost of coverage.

We would gather the required information that is needed to prepare a quote, certain personal information about the type of vehicle, driving record, information about the driver and so forth. Once the quote is prepared and given and accepted, the application process would start where we would basically complete the Nationwide application on the computer, generate an application, going through the various information as needed about drivers and so forth, the vehicle and coverages.

At that point we would interview with the client or with the applicant explaining and requesting if they have specific limitations, limits of liability that they would like to compare with, if they have a current contract. If they do not have current coverage, we would explain to them what's required by law and then show them the option limits that are available.

Upon completion of the application it would be printed out and any trailing documents that were required to be signed -- a trailing document would be a document in addition to the application

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	itself. The form A is considered a trailing document.
	A vehicle inspection form, if a vehicle may be
	customized or altered or have existing damage we are
	required to view the vehicle and potentially have a
}	document, a trailing document as an inspection report.
١	A child's or student's report card that would be in
Ì	line for a discount, a defensive driving class, any
	supplemental document that would affect the rate
	provided or the coverage provided, we would be
	required to obtain those, signatures on the
	application and any trailing documents would be
	obtained.
	We would review what coverages are elected
	and rejected by the applicant.
	Q. When all of that was completed what would
	happen?
	A. The premium would be collected based on the
	applicant's choice of pay plan. There are a variety
	of different pay plan options available. We would
	collect the appropriate premium, provide a receipt.
	And we would at that point provide a binder or
i	memorandum of insurance, some proof that the

application process had been completed.

We would provide that to the applicant

with a receipt. The application would be released or sent to Nationwide by the computer. We would set up a new file retaining the documents in our file. No paper really transactions go to Nationwide. It's done electronically and we retain the original application and any trailing documents in our file. Premiums are collected by our firm, by our agency, are deposited in a local bank, are remitted on Nationwide's remittance program. And they will then a couple of business days later they will electronically draft those funds from the fiduciary account.

At that point the policy is processed and generated directly by Nationwide from their service center and sent out to the insured.

We tell every applicant that they will receive their policy package directly from Nationwide with I.D. cards and the policy packet itself; when it's received to please give us a call if they have any questions, to review if there's anything there that they're not sure of. And we would set up our file from there and that's basically, that's the basic transaction process.

Q. Okay. Let me ask you about the point at which the premium has been collected and a binder or

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1	memora	ndum of insurance or other proof of insurance
2	has be	en provided to the consumer. Okay?
3	A.	(The witness nodded.)
4	Q.	Are you with me?
5	Α.	Yes.
6	Q.	Have I so far characterized that part of your
7	testim	ony correctly?
8	Α.	Yes.
9	Q.	At that point is the consumer insured for
10	automo	bile insurance by Nationwide?
11	A.	Yes.
12	Q.	So it's your understanding at that point an
13	insura	nce contract exists?
14	Α.	Yes.
15	Q.	How long after that point well, at that
16	point	the consumer presumably goes, leaves your office
17	and go	es home carrying the auto memorandum of
18	insura	nce or binder or other proof of insurance,
19	right?	
20	Α.	Correct.
21		MR. CHEYNEY: Objection.

me, between that event and the consumer's receipt of

policy documents generated from Nationwide's service

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1	center?
2	A. Generally, one week, approximately a week's
3	time to process and have that sent out in the mail to
4	them.
5	Q. Have you known it to take less than a week?
6	A. Yes.
7	Q. Have you known it to take more than a week?
8	A. Yes.
9	Q. On the far end of the scale, how long does it
10	take when it takes longer than a week?
11	A. Only an additional day or two, maybe ten days
12	maximum.
13	Q. And if the insured vehicle is involved in an
14	automobile collision during that one week to ten-day
15	interim, it's your understanding that Nationwide
L 6	insures that event?
17	MR. CHEYNEY: Objection.
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- Where is the Nationwide service center? Do you Q. know?
- It is in Gainesville, Florida for the bulk of the automobile policies that we issue. They're generated from the Gainesville, Florida service center.



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Q. Thank you.

This process you've described very patiently for me, which I appreciate, this step-by-step process by which the consumer purchases the auto insurance from Nationwide, as part of that process are documents shared with the consumer at any stage?

- A. Documents, yes.
- Q. For example, is the price quote that you started your description with a written price quote?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And that's a document that's shared with the consumer and he can take home with him?
- A. We do have a formal quote letter when someone asks for a quote that we can provide a user friendly quote letter. Generally, that's not sent out on a telephone quote or if someone comes into the office and I provide the quote on the computer and share with them the information on the monitor and they say yes, I would like to purchase that coverage, generally that quote letter is not printed out.

We would go directly into the application



6 quote letter that can be generated if it's requested.

would be just a screen print. But there is a formal

- Q. Whether the document is generated hard copy or not, is it often the case that the consumers are allowed to see the quote in writing while they're in your office?
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- Q. Are there any other documents that as part of this process the consumers either see visually or are allowed to take with them?
- 15 A. Yes.
  - Q. I think you mentioned the memorandum of insurance or binder or other proof of insurance.
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. That's one category of documents that is given to the consumer, right?
  - A. Correct. They are offered a copy of the physical application as well and the Delaware Form A Delaware Protection Act document.
    - Q. I think you referred earlier to options that

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. 1	the consumer has with respect to the limits of
2	liability that they can purchase for different
3	coverages.
4	Do you recall that?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. And I'm going to limit my questions to
7	automobile insurance. All right?
8	A. Mm-hmm.
9	Q. There are
10	MR. LEONI: You have to answer actually
11	verbally yes or no.
12	THE WITNESS: Yes.
13	MR. SPADARO: Thank you, Mr. Leoni.
14	BY MR. SPADARO:
15	Q. There are different dollar amounts in limits of
16	liability that consumers are able to purchase within
17	different coverages, right?
18	A. Correct.
19	Q. It's your understanding that with respect to
20	PIP coverage there's a minimum amount that's mandated
21	by statute. Is that right?
22	A. That's right.
23	Q. And the minimum statutory limits of liability

for PIP coverage according to your understanding are

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- Α. Correct.
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What is the full amount of limits of liability Q. available from Nationwide today for PIP coverage?

MR. CHEYNEY: Objection.

MR. LEONI: Do you know what? So far we have been talking generically, but actually the notice of deposition refers only to Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company. So I'm assuming, and maybe wrongfully so, your questions are limited to Nationwide Mutual.

MR. SPADARO: Yes. All my questions are limited to the defendant in this case, Nationwide Mutual -- let me make sure I get the name right --Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company.

#### BY MR. SPADARO: 20

- Do you understand that, sir?
- 22 Α. Yes.
- 23 Do all of your responses so far relate to 24 Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company?

Q. So let me ask you again: Can you tell me the full amount of PIP limits of liability that are available for purchase from Nationwide today in Delaware?

MR. CHEYNEY: Objection.

- A. The maximum limits for PIP available is \$100,000 per person/\$300,000 per accident.
- Q. Do you have a sense of in percentage terms of the percentage of auto policies that the Deaton Agency is involved in selling on Nationwide's behalf for which Delaware consumers in a typical year purchase the minimum limits of \$15,000 per person/\$30,000 per accident?

MR. LEONI: Hold on a second. Can I hear that back?

Could you read it back, Kurt?

THE WITNESS: Because he --

MR. LEONI: Hold on. He's going to read the question back to make sure we understand it.

(The reporter read back the last

22 question.)

MR. LEONI: Again, we're referring only to Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company personal auto



I'm only asking about the defendant in this

MR. LEONI: Just to be clear for the witness because he seems to be having a little trouble --

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MR. SPADARO: If you have an objection to form, we're in the District Court, if you have an

1 objection to the form, you can object to form. 2 clarify.

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- You understand I'm trying to figure out how Q. often people purchase the minimum limits? Do you understand my question?
  - Yes, I do. Α.
- If you can ballpark that for me in percentage terms, that would be helpful.
- Α. Under Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company policies that we issue I would say only 25 percent or less purchase the minimum PIP coverage.
- Thank you. That's very helpful. Ο. Okav.
- Now, in response to our subpoena it's your understanding that the Deaton Agency produced certain documents to us?
  - Α. That's correct.
- And is it your understanding that we reached a Q. compromise by which the parties agreed that the Deaton Agency would produce policy-related documents for just 35 policyholders?
  - Α. Yes.
- 23 Q. And just for the record, over the course of the 24 time period embraced by this lawsuit the agency has

1	sold many more than 35 insurance policies, auto
2	insurance policies, that is, on behalf of Nationwide?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. But this was a compromise we reached to reduce
5	the burden and expense of responding to the subpoena.
6	Do you understand that?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. I want to mark as Exhibit 2 to your deposition
9	a set, a single set of these policy-related documents
10	that were produced by the Deaton Agency as part of
11	this compromise.
12	Do you understand what I have represented?
13	A. Yes.
14	Q. And it's your understanding, is it not, that
15	the Deaton Agency's attorneys, Mr. Leoni and his
16	office, have blacked out or redacted certain
17	identifying information that might otherwise have
18	identified the policyholders under these policies?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. And it's your understanding that the attorneys
21	for the Deaton Agency have numbered the sets that were
22	produced to us with one- or two-digit numbers?
23	A. Yes.

MR. SPADARO: Let me start by marking as

Exhibit	2	to	your	deposition	set	number	63	from	the
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(Deaton Deposition Exhibit No. 2 was marked for identification.)

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- Q. Just review that, if you would, to your satisfaction. Let me know when you feel comfortable answering some questions about it.
  - A. (Reviewing document) Okay.
- 10 Q. Does this appear to be a copy of the documents
  11 from set 63 of the Deaton production?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. I'm going to ask you if you can try to describe the approximately seven pages that are part of Exhibit 2 for me in a little more detail.
    - A. Okay.
    - Q. Thank you.
      - A. Page 1 -- the document is a standard automobile insurance application through Nationwide Mutual. The first page of the document provides basic declaration type information about the name of the insured, date of the application and basic demographic information about the insured, license, date of birth, social, address and so forth.

Page number 2 begins with detail about the
vehicle to be insured itself, including the make,
model, year, vehicle identification number and
ownership. The second area of the second page of the
document provides the coverage that's been selected.
The liability, physical damage, uninsured motorist and
PIP coverage are detailed there. Any discounts are
listed there on the bottom of that second page.
Page 3 provides ratings variables,
including the work or work commute, annual mileage and
any surcharges for rate class that might be
applicable.
Q. If I could just interject for a moment. By
rating variables are we referring to underwriting
factors that might result in a determination of the
premium to be charged?
A. Correct.
O. Thank you.

- Below that on the third page is some general Α. information specific to the place of the domicile of the applicant, where they live, and payment information is also included on page 3.
  - The fourth page is a closing statement that provides information on how Nationwide will



handle the application regarding misrepresentations and acknowledgment of coverage and accepting of the risk.

The fifth page includes statements that are asked to be initialed in total by the insured regarding their use and ownership and declaration of any drivers in the household or have regular use of that vehicle and any forbidden uses of the vehicle under the personal auto policy, including delivery of pizza and you will see there in the one bullet the newspapers or taxicab-type things are prohibited. We ask that they acknowledge that there.

And the final part on page 5 is the signature place where the applicant and the producing agent would sign and date and time the application.

Q. So those first five pages are -- bear with me for a second.

Those first five pages are the application themselves?

- A. Those pages are the application, yes.
- Q. And the remaining two pages of Deaton Exhibit 2 are not what you would describe as part of the application?
  - A. Correct.



A. Correct.

- Q. I'm sorry I interrupted you. Thank you.
- A. The sixth page is the Delaware Motorists'
  Protection Act, a form that's used to acknowledge and where the applicant would select and verify or reject any coverage options that they would like. The minimum limits are displayed on this form that are required by Delaware law, along with other optional coverages for physical damage, including comprehensive, collision, uninsured motorist, loss of use. This is the form that we have the insured sign that spells out the requirements and also the options that are provided under the Delaware policies.

The final page is a copy of the screen print that I mentioned. This would be a document that I would share with an insured that would come in the office if we were comparing different quotes. This is simply a screen print of our quote process off the computer.

- Q. That final page that you've indicated is shared with the consumer is titled Auto Rate Quote Number 1?
  - A. Correct.

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I'm going to direct your attention to the entries in the middle of the page under the Heading Vehicle Level Coverages.

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- Q. Now, there appear to be under that heading three columns setting forth information. Is that fair to say?
- A. Yes.
- Q. In the left-hand column we see the first entry reads Comprehensive and underneath that Collision and then underneath that Property Damage and so forth.

  That left-hand column identifies different types of insurance coverage within the automobile insurance product?
- A. Correct.
- Q. Is that fair to say?
- 20 A. Yes.
  - Q. And the middle column begins with the number
- 22 | 250. Do you see that?
- 23 A. Yes.
- Q. And that corresponds to the entry in the



1 left-hand column that says Comprehensive, right? 2 Α. Correct. 3 0. And what does that information up to that point 4 indicate? 5 Α. That entry relates to the deductible that would 6 be applied to that line of coverage. \$250 would be 7 the deductible applicable to the comprehensive line of 8 coverage. 9 Ο. Very briefly, what does comprehensive coverage 10 entail in an auto insurance policy? 11 Comprehensive coverage provides coverage for Α. 12 damage to the insured vehicle that is not collision 13 related and would include glass breakage, vandalism, 14 theft, fire, flood. Collision with an animal would be 15 one comprehensive coverage where a collision would 16 take place with an animal, but it's damage to the 17 vehicle that's generally not collision related. 18 So it appears that it's contemplated for this Q. 19 particular insurance contract that there will be a 20 deductible for comprehensive coverage of \$250, right? 21 Correct.

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And that deductible is expressed in a dollar amount?

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- Q. The first being \$23.20 corresponding to the comprehensive coverage entry, right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Am I correct that sets forth the premium amount to be collected with respect to each coverage within the automobile insurance contract?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Now let me ask you to turn, if you could, to the last page of Deaton Exhibit 2 entitled Auto Rate Quote Number 1 and let me know when you have that before you, please.
  - A. I do.
  - Q. This document has a similar format, doesn't it?
- 19 A. Yes.
  - Q. Because we see abbreviated names for the different types of coverage beginning with COMP for comprehensive and then COLL for collision, then PD for property damage and so forth, right?
  - A. Correct.

1	Q. And then in the middle column we see the dollar
2	amount for comprehensive that indicates 250,
3	signifying the \$250 deductible to be charged for that
4	coverage, right?
5	A. Correct.
6	Q. In the right-hand column we see that 23.20
7	indicating the \$23.20 premium to be collected for the
8	comprehensive coverage, correct?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. Now, there is information redacted on this
11	page. So let me ask you as it appears in unredacted
12	form, does the name of the insured appear on this
13	page?
14	A. Yes.
15	Q. And would the page in unredacted form indicate
16	anywhere the vehicle to be insured?
17	A. Yes.
18	Q. How would it identify that vehicle?
19	A. By the year, make and model would generally
20	appear in the heading above the \$250 deductible where
21	it's been redacted. The vehicle year and type would
22	appear there.
23	Q. And we know that the types of coverages are



described in the document, right?

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Α.	Correct.	

- Q. And the limits of liability for the coverages are set forth, are they not?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. And the premium amount to be charged for each is set forth, right?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Turning to that middle column that begins with the number 250 for the deductible for comprehensive coverage, that is not a dollar amount that indicates the limit of liability for comprehensive coverage, is it?
- A. No.
- Q. It indicates rather the dollar amount of the deductible for that coverage, right?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. Why does it indicate a dollar amount for the deductible rather than for the limit of liability?
- A. The deductible is a common factor that would be charged against a claim regardless of -- the value of the vehicle is a variable that cannot really be contemplated at the time of application. The value or limit of that coverage would be contemplated at the time of the claim, meaning someone may have purchased

1	a brand-new vehicle on this day valued at \$20,000.
2	Well, when the claim time comes a week, a month, a
3	year later, the value of that vehicle would be
4	determined at that time based on the actual cash value
5	of the vehicle at the time.
6	So that deductible is assessed as a common
7	factor against the amount of the claim because the
8	limit of liability would be relatively unknown based
9	on the actual cash value of the vehicle.
10	Q. So the limit of liability is not expressed in
11	that column for comprehensive coverage because it's
12	not a readily identifiable number at the time the
13	policy is purchased?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Rather, it's a number to be determined later
16	based on the depreciating value of the property?
17	A. And the amount of damage incurred, correct.
18	Q. And the amount of damage incurred. Thank you.
19	The number 500 appears in the middle
20	column for the entry for collision damage. Do you see
21	that?
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- And what does that number express? Q.
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- Q. And that's expressed as a dollar amount?
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- Q. And the reason that entry is expressed as a deductible rather than showing the limit of liability for collision damage is the same reason you explained with respect to comprehensive coverage, right?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. It is an unknowable factor at the time the policy is purchased?
- A. Correct.
- Q. The number 10,000 appears in that middle column entry on this last page of Deaton Exhibit 2 for property damage coverage.

Do you see that?

- A. Yes.
  - Q. And is that insurance coverage that insures against property damage claims brought by other drivers for damage done to their property?
    - A. Correct.
- Q. And the 10,000 indicates, the 10,000 figure in that middle column of the last page of Deaton Exhibit 2 for property damage indicates the dollar amount of



1 the limit of liability for property damage coverage? 2 That's correct. 3 And that's expressed as a dollar amount because 0. 4 it is a dollar amount known at the time the policy is 5 purchased? 6 Α. That's correct. 7 When the policy is purchased it's readily 0. 8 ascertainable what the limit of liability is for 9 property damage coverage or bodily injury coverage, 10 right? 11 Α. Correct. 12 And for the bodily injury entry we see 15/30 in the middle column. 13 14 Do you see that? 15 Α. Yes. 16 What does that mean? 17 That signifies \$15,000 per person and a \$30,000 Α. 18 per accident limitation. 19 Ο. So that's the limit of liability for bodily 20 injury coverage? 21 Α. Correct. 22 And that's the insurance made available for 23 claims by other persons than the insured against the



insured for bodily injury suffered in a covered event?

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1	A.	Correct.
2	Q.	The next entry on the left reads UMBI. Do you
3	see tha	t?
4	Α.	Yes, I do.
5	Q.	What does that stand for?
6	A.	It stands for uninsured motorist bodily injury
7	coverag	€.
8	Q.	I'm sorry. I skipped. There's an entry above
9	that co	lumn that says DB.
10		Do you see that?
11	A.	Yes.
12	Q.	What does that stand for?
13	A.	That stands for death benefit.
14	Q.	What is the death benefit coverage? Could you
15	explain	that quickly?
16	A.	Nationwide's product provides a death benefit
17	to the	named insured, the driver and passengers if
18	they ar	e killed in a covered accident if they are
19	wearing	their seat belt. There is a small death
20	benefit	payable.
21	Q.	Then in the middle entry where otherwise
22	there'r	e expressed limits of liability or deductibles

you see the entry in letters CNW.

Do you see that?

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1	A. Correct.
2	Q. I have no idea what that means and I guess that
3	means coverage not wanted, but maybe you could tell
4	me.
5	A. That's exactly correct.
6	Q. Is it the case that wherever I see CNW in the
7	documents that Deaton produced it means coverage not
8	wanted?
9	A. Yes.
10	Q. And I'll represent to you that I have seen that
11	entry in documents produced by other insurance agents
12	that have been subpoenaed in the case.
13	Do you understand what I have told you?
14	A. Sure. Yes.
15	Q. Do you understand that to be a standard
16	abbreviation used in documents of this type
17	A. Yes.
18	Q by insurance agents?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. I'm sorry. Your answer is?
21	A. Yes.
22	Q. Thank you.
23	Let me take you to the entry for PIP in



the left-hand column. Do you see that?

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Q. And in the middle column it says full.

Do you see that?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And that's a characterization that we see in -I'll represent to you that that characterization of
  PIP as full is one that can be found in every set of
  documents that the Deaton Agency produced.

Do you understand what I am representing to you?

- A. Yes.
  - Q. Does that surprise you?
- 13 A. No.
  - Q. Is it fair to say that the characterization of PIP as full in documents like the auto rate quote shown on the last page of Deaton 2 is a routine one in your business?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. What I could do is show you some additional examples of that characterization as it appears in other sets of documents that Deaton produced simply so you could confirm that full is in there. We can go through that exercise. I'm happy to do that. Or you could simply tell me that you expect to find it in all

of them, if that's the case.
A. Yes, I would expect to see that usage of the
word "full" in the various documents that you have
obtained.
Q. And you would expect to see it in connection
with PIP?
A. Correct.
MR. SPADARO: Just give me a couple of
minutes to think if I have anything else and I may
have nothing else.
MR. LEONI: While we're on break, you're
not allowed to talk to me, him, anybody else about
your testimony, what questions you were asked, what
questions you may be asked. You can talk to him about
anything else, hunting or whatever.
Do you understand that?
THE WITNESS: Yes.
MR. LEONI: Okay.
(A brief recess was taken.)
MR. SPADARO: Mr. Deaton, let me show you
what I am going to ask the court reporter to mark as
Exhibit 3 to your deposition.
(Deaton Deposition Exhibit No. 3 was



marked for identification.)

## BY MR. SPADARO:

Q. Mr. Deaton, take your time reviewing that document, but I don't think I have too much to ask you about it. I will represent to you that the document marked as D-3 entitled Auto Memorandum Of Insurance is just that, an auto memorandum of insurance that was shared with us by the plaintiffs in this case, Mr. and Mrs. Eames.

Do you understand what I have represented?

- A. Yes.
- Q. You can I think readily determine that this is not a document related to an auto policy that was sold through your office.
- A. Correct.
- Q. But instead it appears to relate to a policy sold through another Delaware insurance agent?
  - A. Correct.
- Q. I simply want to ask you whether -- let me go back.

You referred during your helpful description of the step-by-step process by which the auto policy is sold to a document type called the auto memorandum of insurance.

Do you remember that?



1	A. Yes.
2	Q. Is this that type of document that you
3	described in that explanation?
4	A. Yes.
5	MR. SPADARO: That's all I have,
6	Mr. Deaton. I appreciate your patience and coming up
7	here today.
8	MR. CHEYNEY: I have some questions.
9	MR. LEONI: Mr. Cheney is going to ask you
10	some questions.
11	BY MR. CHEYNEY:
12	Q. Mr. Deaton, the packet 63 that was shown to
13	you, there is no binder attached, is there?
14	A. There is not.
15	Q. Do you keep a copy of the binder?
16	A. As a rule, generally no.
17	Q. Do you give a binder copy to the policyholder
18	or the new policyholder?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. What does the binder indicate? Do you have a
21	copy of that that you could make available?
22	A. I could make it available. It is very similar



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I could elaborate briefly that the auto
memorandum of insurance is generally once the policy
is issued by the company and physically processed, the
auto memorandum would be issued because it has a
policy number on it.

The binder contains pretty much the same information with a caveat that says this is a binder subject to the issuance of the policy. It gives a 30-day time limit.

- Q. That's exactly my question. The binder is not the policy?
  - A. Correct.

- Q. Now, the automobile insurance application that you have as Exhibit 63, this is signed by the applicant. Is that correct?
  - A. Correct.
  - Q. Is the information on it signed by the applicant when they sign it?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. Do you explain to the applicant what the PIP, personal injury protection, full and \$71.90 means?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. And what does full mean when it appears there that's explained to the applicant?

1	A. It means that that coverage is without a
2	deductible meeting the statutory requirement, the full
3	limit of the statute, which is 15/30.
4	Q. Now, does that 71.90 that appears in that
5	column adjacent to full, to the right of full reflect
6	that premium for that policy coverage?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. And if it were anything greater like the
9	additional policy coverage you spoke of, the APIP or
10	the 100/300,000, would that be a different premium?
11	A. Yes, it would.
12	Q. And that appears in the additional personal
13	injury protection, coverage not wanted?
14	A. Correct.
15	Q. Is there a discussion between you or your
16	agency and the insured as to the options of the APIP,
17	additional personal injury protection, or the minimum
18	policy limits?
19	A. Yes.
20	Q. Is this application always given, always given,
21	routinely given to the insured at the time they come
22	in?
23	MR. SPADARO: Objection to the form



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MR. SPADARO: Objection to the form.

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So let me do it again.

## BY MR. CHEYNEY:

- Q. Is this application routinely and commonly given to the insured at the time he signs the application?
- A. It is offered consistently to the insured if they would like to have a copy of it.
- Q. How often in your experience during the course of the year, an average year do they take it or don't take it?
- A. It's taken rarely by -- in my experience, the physical application is rarely taken by the applicant. Their concern is the proof of coverage that they would need for the purchase of their vehicle or their motor vehicle or to go to Motor Vehicle for registration processes, purposes.

A small percentage generally request the hard copy application.

Q. Now, going to page 3 of the application, the very last line under Notice, it says, and I quote the

1	first three words, "Read your policy."
2	Do you see that?
3	A. Yes.
4	Q. Is that something that's always told to an
5	applicant, when the policy comes to read the policy
6	and if there's any questions to call you?
7	A. Yes.
8	Q. The application is not the policy, is it?
9	A. Correct.
10	Q. In the closing statement on page 4 there's a
11	paragraph four from the bottom. That first sentence
12	of that paragraph, could you read that?
13	A. Beginning with "I hereby"?
14	Q. Yes.
15	A. "I hereby acknowledge that all coverages,
16	required and optional, available to me have been fully
17	explained."
18	Q. In connection with that statement is it fair to
19	say from your agency and your personal viewpoint that
20	you explain to the insured at the time of the
21	application what the limits are that they are
22	purchasing, what the deductibles available are and
23	what the available additional APIP coverage for PIP
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- 2 Q. Now, it also says in the very last paragraph -3 could you read that sentence fully, please?
  - A. "I have read and signed the Delaware Motorist Protection Act form, required by Delaware statute and have selected the coverage and limits requested hereon."
    - Q. Now, is that form what page 6 would be?
    - A. Yes.
  - Q. And do you and your agency go over this form and what is checked on the form?
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Is frequently or infrequently the checking the result of actual conduct of the applicant or by your agency?
  - A. Do you refer to the physical marking of the box?
- 18 | O. Yes.
- A. Generally by the agent or agency employee, not the applicant.
  - Q. Is it always done as a result of a conversation and specific question?
  - A. Yes.
  - Q. Do you see anywhere on this policy the



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      word "full" unmodified by any other word when it comes
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      to the no-fault coverage package number 3?
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                  MR. SPADARO: Objection.
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                  MR. CHEYNEY: I beg your pardon.
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      Delaware Motorists' Protection Act form. We're on
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                  MR. LEONI: Of exhibit Deaton Exhibit 2.
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                  MR. CHEYNEY: Withdraw the question.
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      BY MR. CHEYNEY:
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             Looking at this form where it says the
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- A. "It is not the intent of this statement to limit or discourage the purchase of increased limits of liability and personal injury protection coverages, or other additional coverages which may be available from the company."
- Q. Is it your custom and routine and practice in your agency to always offer the APIP coverage?
  - A. Yes.

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Q. The screen saver, page 7 of this of Exhibit 63, is this something that is routinely and commonly given to the insured or is this a screen saver that you use for making a rate quote?

MR. SPADARO: Objection to the form.

- Q. It's okay.
- A. This is a document that is generally used for explanation and comparison of options, but it is generally not given to the applicant unless requested. It's more of a worksheet, if you will.

1	Q.	It's a rate quote sheet, correct?
2	Α.	Correct.
3	Q.	It is not the policy, is it?
4	Α.	No.
5		MR. LEONI: Let me just make sure the
6	record	is clear that this is Deaton Exhibit 2 we're
7	talking	g about which has on the first page a marking
8	number	63.
9		MR. CHEYNEY: Correct. It's the last page
10	of that	
11	BY MR.	CHEYNEY:
12	Q.	In connection with dealing with applicants for
13	insuran	nce, is there a script given to you by
14	Nation	wide as to what to say when talking about PIP
15	protect	tion?
16	Α.	No.
17	Q.	Is it fair to say that when dealing with
18	applica	ants everyone is different and unique?
19	Α.	Yes.
20	Q.	Although the areas are covered, there's no
21	script	or set formula of language used?
22	Α.	That's correct.
23		MR. CHEYNEY: That's all I have. Thank



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Q. I just have a couple of follow-up questions, Mr. Deaton, not much.

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Exhibit 2. If you would turn to the page that bears
the heading Closing Statement, if you could find that.

- A. Okay.
- Q. If you would direct your attention to the paragraph that begins a little bit, begins about the middle of the page and begins with the words "I hereby acknowledge that all coverages."

Do you see that?

- A. Yes.
- Q. That sentence says, "I hereby acknowledge that all coverages, required and optional, available to me have been fully explained."

Do you see that?

A. Yes.

Do you recall that?

- Q. And Mr. Cheney asked you about that sentence.
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Does the reference to coverages being fully explained have meaning to you?
- 24 A. Yes.

- Q. And what does it mean for coverages to be fully explained?
- A. To make sure that the applicant understands what coverages are available to them and what limits of coverages that they are purchasing, what optional limits might be available to them, and coverages not just relating to the PIP, as we mentioned, but additional coverages in terms of rental car, towing and labor, other accessory coverages that may be available that they may not have thought about or contemplated.
- Q. The reference in that sentence to coverages being fully explained does not imply a minimal explanation, does it?
  - A. No.

Q. The last sentence on that page that bears the heading Closing Statement and is part of Deaton Exhibit 2 was a sentence that Mr. Cheyney asked you to read fully.

Do you recall that?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And in response to his request, you read the entire sentence, didn't you?
  - A. Yes.

1	Q. You didn't read part of it, right?
2	A. Correct.
3	MR. SPADARO: That's all I have. Thank
4	you.
5	MR. LEONI: Any other questions?
6	MR. CHEYNEY: No.
7	MR. LEONI: All right.
8	(Discussion off the record.)
9	MR. SPADARO: The parties, being the Eames
10	plaintiffs, the defendant Nationwide and the remaining
11	insurance agents to be deposed today pursuant to the
12	Eames plaintiffs' subpoena, which includes the
13	Broadbent Agency, the Truitt Agency and the Hoban
14	Agency, have agreed to a stipulation in lieu of
15	continuing with those depositions so that based on
16	this stipulation the depositions of the Broadbent,
17	Truitt and Hoban designees pursuant to the plaintiffs'
18	subpoenas will no longer be necessary and have been
19	canceled.
20	And the terms of the stipulation are as
21	follows, and I invite counsel, please, to indicate
22	their assent or disagreement with the way that I
23	characterize it. The parties have stipulated that in

the vast majority of documents produced by the

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                   MR. CHEYNEY: It's agreed.
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                   MR. SPADARO: I have nothing further.
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Glenn W. Deaton

REPLACE THIS PAGE WITH THE ERRATA SHEET AFTER IT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SIGNED BY THE DEPONENT. 

1	State of Delaware )
2	New Castle County )
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4	CERTIFICATE OF REPORTER
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6	I, Kurt A. Fetzer, Registered Diplomate Reporter and Notary Public, do hereby certify that
7	there came before me on Tuesday, August 9, 2005, the deponent herein, GLENN W. DEATON, who was duly sworn
8	by me and thereafter examined by counsel for the respective parties; that the questions asked of said
9	deponent and the answers given were taken down by me in Stenotype notes and thereafter transcribed by use
10	of computer-aided transcription and computer printer under my direction.
11	I further certify that the foregoing is a true
12	and correct transcript of the testimony given at said examination of said witness.
13 14	I further certify that I am not counsel, attorney, or relative of either party, or otherwise interested in the event of this suit.
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17	Kurt A. Fetzer, RDR, CRR
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